

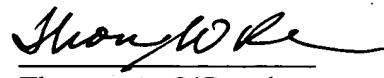
## ABSTRACT

A window vent stop for use in a sliding sash window assembly or a sliding door assembly. The vent stop has a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in the non-movable sash member. This housing includes a cavity with a bottom plate therein. The tumbler has at least one pivot for pivotally securing the tumbler to the housing for movement between an extended position, to prevent movement of the sliding member and a retracted position, to allow movement of the sliding member. Also within the housing is a spring for biasing the tumbler. The tumbler has a first locking member that contacts a second locking member on the release member when the tumbler is in a retracted position and the first locking member does not contact the second locking member when the tumbler is in the extended position.



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